



ALLIES LOSE TWO MINE SWEEPERS, ATHENS REPORTS

'Anglo-French War- Ships Batter Big Turkish Ports Along Dardanelles.

Reported Plan to Land Troops
on Peninsula of Gallipoli to
Cut Communication With
Constantinople—Big Shells
Raze Sultan's Defenses.

Superdreadnought Leads Attacking
Forces—Ottoman Capital in Terror
and Ports Summarily Halts Cam-
paigns in Caucasus and Along the
Suez Canal.

ATHENS, March 1.—Turkish destroyers are reported in a
dispatch from Tenedos to have attacked
Anglo-French mine sweepers in the Dar-
danelles last night, sinking two of them.

LONDON, March 1.—Sixteen miles inside the Dardanelles the
greatest fleet ever assembled for a bom-
bardment is smashing the defenses of
Constantinople into ruins today. A light-
house south of Fort Kild Bahr, on the
European side, has been demolished. Hur-
ling 1500-pound projectiles, the super-
dreadnoughts Queen Elizabeth already has
inflicted severe damage on the fort itself,
one of the strongest in Eastern Europe.

Unconfirmed reports were published here
today that the Allies will seize the Penin-
sula of Gallipoli at its narrowest part,
near Bulair and cut the European forts
off from communication with Constanti-
nople. One report had it that this feat
actually has been accomplished by land-
ing parties in the Gulf of Saros. Military
experts, however, did not credit it. They
pointed out that large bodies of Turks
on the European side of the strait could
cut their way through the isthmus by
weight of numbers.

Other reports received here today said
that not only the giant Queen Elizabeth,
but at least one of her sister fighting
monsters is training, her 15-inch guns upon
the Sultan's fortifications. The Admiralty
refused to confirm this. For many weeks
nothing has been known here of the
whereabouts of the newest dreadnoughts.
From Athens and Cairo today came
dispatches indicating that the Ottoman
capital is in a state of terror. The Turk-
ish General Staff has summarily halted
the Turkish campaigns in the Caucasus
and along the Suez Canal.

The Anglo-French fleet has suffered in-
significant damage thus far. Superior in-

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WHEAT CONTINUES TO FALL

May Drops to \$1.49½ Fifteen Min-
utes After Opening.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Continued suc-
cesses of the allied bombardment of the
Dardanelles fortifications sent May wheat
down to \$1.51 per bushel at the opening
today. July wheat dropped to \$1.22. These
were losses of 2½ and 2½ cents, respec-
tively, since the close Saturday.

Fifteen minutes after the opening, May
wheat dropped to \$1.49½ and July to \$1.21½.

THE WEATHER



It is a little difficult to say in the guise
of just what particular animal March
came in this morning. Did you happen to
be standing at the corner of Broad and
Chestnut streets with a more or
less biting wind roaring around the
office buildings there, undoubtedly your
thoughts were of lions. On the other
hand, did you wander into a side street
where a warm sun made the wearing
of a coat uncomfortable, lambs were
probably the first thought in your mind.
So aside from the difficulty of foretelling
weather conditions with any degree of ac-
curacy, it is getting to be difficult to tell
the variety obtaining at the moment.
Whether March finishes up as a lion or
not remains to be seen. But we are going
to finish up with one of a different sort
anyway.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—
Fair tonight and Tuesday, with no de-
cided change in temperature; moder-
ate winds, mostly northeast.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

Barometer 29.92
Temperature 50
Wind Northwest, 8 miles
Precipitation last 24 hours None
Relative humidity 65
Minimum temperature 23
Maximum temperature 43

On the Pacific Coast

San Francisco—Weather, clear; temperature, 45.
San Diego—Weather, cloudy; temperature, 54.

Almanac of the Day

Sun sets 6:33 p.m.
Sun rises tomorrow 6:54 a.m.
Moon rises 6:53 a.m.
Moon sets 6:51 p.m.

Lamps to Be Lighted

Autos and other vehicles 6:10 p.m.

The Tides

PORT RICHMOND.
Low water 9:10 a.m.
High water tomorrow 2:11 a.m.
Low water tomorrow 8:53 a.m.
High water tomorrow 9:13 a.m.

CHERRY STREET WHARF.

Low water 8:32 a.m.
High water tomorrow 2:11 a.m.
Low water tomorrow 8:53 a.m.
High water tomorrow 9:13 a.m.

BRIDY ISLAND.

Low water 8:37 a.m.
High water tomorrow 2:11 a.m.
Low water tomorrow 8:53 a.m.
High water tomorrow 9:13 a.m.

BEAUSWATER.

Low water 9:10 a.m.
High water tomorrow 2:11 a.m.
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DAMAGED SHIP DRIFTING

New York Reports Vessel With Pro-
peller Blades Missing.

NEW YORK, March 1.—An unidentified
steamship with all propeller blades miss-
ing is drifting near the middle of the
Atlantic, according to the log of the
New York. It is thought to be the
Tritonian, but is unknown here. All
aboard are safe, according to the wire-
less received by the New York.

REPUBLICAN COUP BLOCKS SHIP BILL

Filibuster Upsets Plan to Rush Con-
ference Report Through House.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A Republican
coup today blocked action on the ship
purchase bill.
With the ways greased for hasty ap-
proval of the conference report in the
House an unexpected Republican filibuster
threw the Democrats into confusion and
forced postponement of consideration,
probably until tomorrow.

A strenuous program faced Congress in
the march toward final adjournment
Thursday.

The House bore the biggest burden. It
met at noon. Early morning and night
sessions are the program for the re-
mainder of the session, with continuous
sessions almost certain later this week.

Rural credit legislation, in the agricul-
tural appropriation bill, was taken up by
the House Agricultural Committee early
today. The bill may be brought out late
today for final decision and be passed on
to the Senate.

Numerous Senate conference reports on
appropriation bills were prepared to date.
The rivers and harbors and Indian ap-
propriations were the principal unfinished
Senate business. It was deemed certain
the rivers and harbors measure would
be cut down to carry only enough to con-
tinue present projects.

ASSAULTS OF FRENCH IN CHAMPAGNE PROVE COSTLY, SAYS BERLIN

Terrific Drive Made Upon
Intrenched Positions of
Kaiser's Troops Repulsed
With Heavy Loss.
French Assert They
Gained.

Russians Take 18,000 Prisoners
in North Poland, Petrograd
Says, Claiming 11 Miles
Gain—Berlin Admits Retirement
From Przasnysz.

Desperate assaults by two French
army corps upon the intrenched Ger-
man positions in the Champagne region
were repulsed with heavy loss, accord-
ing to the official report issued today
at Berlin. The attack developed into
the fiercest engagement of the last two
months.

The French War Office, however, de-
nies that their troops were repulsed in
the Champagne district and assert that
along a front of more than a mile they
gained the advanced lines of German
trenches, which they held and made
part of their own outer works.

In the Argonne the French also made
attacks, which the Berlin report as-

LIQUOR BILLS REPORTED

"Gallon a Month" Bill and Hazel Law
Repealer in Delaware Legislature.

DOVER, Del., March 1.—Submitting its
first report on the 16 liquor and anti-
liquor bills introduced in the Legislature,
the House Committee on Temperance to-
day approved Representative Hill's "gal-
lon a month" bill and Representative
Rash's bill to repeal the Hazel intra-state
shipping law. The bills will be called up
for a vote tomorrow.

The Hill bill limits whiskey drinkers to
a gallon a month or about two drinks, of
two ounces each, for each day of the
calendar month.

TWO END LIVES AFTER WIFE OBJECTS TO BEER

Woman Shoots Herself and Husband
Follows Suit.

CHICAGO, March 1.—A woman's pride,
hurt because her husband insisted on
bringing beer into the house on the Sab-
bath, resulted in a double suicide. The
victims were Durward B. Martin, formerly
of Alton, N. Y., and his wife, Elizabeth
Martin.

The couple quarreled last night because
the husband insisted on going out for
beer. The woman waited on the front
porch until she saw her husband return-
ing with six bottles of the liquor under
his arm. Then she placed a revolver to
her breast and fired, falling dead. Neigh-
bors rushed out in time to see Martin
band over her and hear him say:
"If you go, I'll go, too, little girl."

Then he picked up the weapon and fired
a bullet into his head, falling dead over
his wife's body.

BRITAIN PROCLAIMS IRONCLAD EMBARGO AGAINST GERMANY

Entitled to Use Any Kind
of Economic Pressure,
Asquith Tells Parlia-
ment in Making An-
nouncement of Blockade.

Ban Placed on All Other Com-
modities as Well as Food-
stuffs—Commons Votes
War Credit of \$185,000,000.

LONDON, March 1.
Premier Asquith announced in the
House of Commons this afternoon that
the British Government had decided to
prevent commodities of any kind from
reaching Germany or leaving that coun-
try.

This means that no foodstuffs of any
kind will be allowed to reach Germany.
The embargo will also be extended to
raw materials.

This action was taken by the British
Government in retaliation for Germany's
submarine warfare against English mer-
chant shipping.

England will now try to starve Ger-
many into submission. It is believed that
the embargo of the British Government
on foodstuffs and raw material will in-
crease the activities of the German sub-

LINER PASSES "WAR ZONE"

Steamship New York Home With 221
Passengers.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The American
Line steamship New York, bearing 221
passengers, arrived today from Liverpool
after an uneventful voyage, although all
her lifeboats were swung outward from
their davits for immediate use in case she
was attacked by a German submarine.

The New York came through the "war
zone" waters off the western coast of the
British Isles under cover of darkness,
being conveyed by four torpedo-boat de-
stroyers.

LIVERPOOL, March 1.—The American
liner St. Louis arrived here today with
200 passengers. She reported her trip from
New York without incident.

BOMB SENT ABOARD AS "ICE." BLOWS UP GUNBOAT; 30 DEAD

Mexican War Craft Destroyed in
Harbor of Progresso.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 1.—Thirty
persons, including five women, were killed
yesterday when the Mexican gunboat
Progresso was blown up, supposedly by a
bomb, in the harbor of Progresso, Mexico.

This information reached Galveston to-
day in a cablegram to the Mexican
Consulate. The cablegram stated that the
bomb was evidently sent aboard in a box
labeled "ice."

Fire Sweeps Boston Wharf

BOSTON, March 1.—Four business
establishments were burned out early to-
day in a fire on Central wharf, which
for a time threatened the entire wharf
section. The loss was \$20,000.

E. T. STOTESBURY DEFENDS POLICY OF TRANSIT CO.

Ignores Taylor's
Charge That P. R. T.
Officials Broke Faith
With City.

Makes Denial of Charges That
"Power Higher Up" Which
Inspired "Joker" Ordinance
Was Any One Connected
With P. R. T.

Mayor Puts Transit Delay Squarely
Up to the Company's Directors, in
Warm Exchange of Telegrams
With Traction Magnate, Now on a
Vacation at Palm Beach.

Edward T. Stotesbury, chairman of the
Executive Board of the Philadelphia
Rapid Transit Company, and the domi-
nating head of the company, in a telegram
to Thomas E. Mitten, given out at noon
today, made an absolute and unqualified
denial of the charge that the Transit
Company was the "power higher up"
which has been secretly blocking the Tay-
lor program for real rapid transit in
Philadelphia.

Mr. Stotesbury, in the telegram, made
no reference to the accusation of Director
Taylor that he and some of his associates
on the transit company board had not
lived up to the co-operative agreement
between the company and the city in that
they had failed to use their best efforts
to secure the co-operation of the Union
Traction Company.

The accusation which he denounces as
"absolutely false" was couched in the
terms of an open challenge to the com-
pany made by Director Norris at the
Academy mass meeting last Wednesday
night. Director Norris publicly called
upon the P. R. T. officials to disown the
"trick" ordinance introduced by Council
Finance Committee unless they were will-
ing to bear the odium of being considered
the men "higher up."

This accusation Mr. Stotesbury branded
as "a calumnious attack upon my per-
sonal integrity," denying the fact that
Director Norris had made it at a time
when he was in Florida.

SAYS P. R. T. CREDIT IS HURT.
Ignoring entirely the charges of Director
Taylor that he had not used his influence
to bring about Union Traction co-opera-
tion, Mr. Stotesbury indicated that the
"ill-advised attacks" upon the credit of
the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company
had seriously threatened any co-opera-
tive agreement between the city and the
P. R. T. at the present time.

The injury to the credit of the com-
pany through the attacks, and the bad
financial conditions throughout the coun-
try "make the realization of this expecta-
tion at the present time impracticable,"
Mr. Stotesbury said, and he adds that he
had advised Mayor Blankenburg of his
opinion before leaving for Florida.

Administration circles endeavored to
divine the logic of one point in Mr. Stotes-
bury's telegram this afternoon. Mr.
Stotesbury expressed regret that the at-
tacks were made during his absence, ad-
ding later that on account of the at-
tacks the Rapid Transit Company might
now be unable to enter into a co-operative
agreement with the city. At the con-
clusion of the telegram he stated that he
advised Mayor Blankenburg of the prob-
able results of these "ill-advised attacks"
before he left for Florida. Administration
circles in City Hall asked how he
could have advised the Mayor of the effect
of the attacks several days before
Director Norris and Director Taylor made
any public statement involving the Rapid
Transit Company.

Director Taylor, when shown a copy of
the telegram, merely smiled and said that
he would have no statement to make.
It was understood at City Hall that if
the statements of Mr. Stotesbury were to
be taken as indicative of the final atti-
tude of the transit company toward any
co-operative agreement with the city, Di-
rector Taylor would now advocate the
construction of the Chestnut street sub-
way by the city to complete the compre-
hensive system of city-built lines.

MR. STOTESBURY'S TELEGRAM.
The telegram from Mr. Stotesbury was
received by the city this afternoon. It
was not made public until this morning at a
meeting of the Executive Committee. The
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committee's statement follows:

At a meeting of the Executive Com-
mittee, at which were present Messrs.
Mitten, Lloyd, Ingersoll and Packard,
the following telegram from E. T.
Stotesbury, at Palm Beach, was read
and its publication authorized. All
members of the committee subscribing
to the facts therein contained:
The Breakers, Palm Beach, February
27, addressed to Thomas E. Mitten,
Philadelphia.—The statements appearing
in the public press to the effect that
either the Philadelphia Rapid Transit
Company, I personally or any
other person affiliated with the com-
pany has conspired with members of
City Council to defeat the plans for
rapid transit development are, to the
best of our knowledge and belief,
absolutely and unqualifiedly untrue.
I regret that Messrs. Taylor and
Norris should have chosen the time of
my absence from Philadelphia to make
such statements.

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THE KENSINGTONIAN SAYS:

"Sammy Block is making a big hit with
the girls since he danned his boy scout
uniform."

LOST AND FOUND

55 REWARD and no questions asked for the
return of small black handbag with contents
to New Century Hotel, 124 E. 42nd st.,
between 135th and 140th sts., New York.
Reward \$100. Return to office of Hamilton Court,
100 Broadway, New York.

LOST—Saturday night, my brown leather
satchel and Chester suit, black leather
bag, and a small black bag, containing
money, keys, etc., etc. Found by Hamilton Court,
100 Broadway, New York.

WILD CHARGE OF THE MOST-FEARED TROOPS IN THE ARMY OF THE CZAR, THE COSSACKS



Photo by Eastman Kodak Company.

That the Russian forces have not made further progress over the German and Austro-Hungarian frontiers is no fault of these horsemen, who have again and again led desperate forays into the enemy's territory, only to be wiped out by machine guns or cut up by heavy artillery. The same sort of accusations made against the Germans in Belgium by the Allies has been laid against the Cossacks in East Prussia by the Germans, who charge wanton murder and pillage.

\$25,000 FOR BAKER OFFERED BY YANKS

Connie Mack Reported Willing
to Sell Slugger to New York
for \$50,000.

NEW YORK, March 1.—An offer of
\$25,000 for Frank Baker, the "home-run
king," made by the New York Yankees,
has been refused by Connie Mack, of the
Athletics, who is holding out for \$50,000.
This announcement was made today by
Jacob Ruppert, president of the Yankees.
"I would like to get Baker for the
Yankees and made Mack a flat offer of
\$25,000 for him," said Ruppert. "Mack
came back, saying that he would sell
Baker but that the price was \$50,000. That
is more than I will pay. I think Baker
worth \$50,000 but no more. If Mack wants
to part with his third baseman for that
amount, the cash will be placed in his
hands the moment the deal is closed."

NEW YORK, March 1.—President James
A. Gignore, of the Federal League, de-
clares that Home-Run Baker is to be
transferred to the New York Yankees.

"I know the 'inside' of the entire mat-
ter," he declared, "but can't tell you any
more about the case, as I am pledged to
secrecy. But he will be playing third base
for Donovan when the season opens, or
very shortly after."

"I was planning to go after Baker my-
self, but when I heard of the plan to
shift him to New York I gave up. Baker
will be a wonderful drawing card, and
he can afford to pay him much more
money than they can in Philadelphia."

Orphan Home Quarantined

Sixty-four children are under quar-
antine at the Odd Fellows' Orphanage,
Cheltenham and Ogontz avenues, Germantown.
The institution, which is one of the
largest in the city, was quarantined
following the discovery of a case of
scarlet fever. The child was immediately
removed to the Municipal Hospital and
the building fumigated by the authorities.

5000 Workers May Strike

BARRE, Vt., March 1.—Five thousand
granite workers halted here today on a
question of going on strike to enforce
their demand for higher wages. The
quarries and manufacturers have failed to
agree on a new wage schedule. Work was
suspended today to permit the taking of
a strike vote.

SUNDAY RELENTS AND PREACHES TO GIRLS

West Chester Normal School
Students Hear Evangelist on
His "Day of Rest."

SUNDAY CAMPAIGN STATISTICS
There will be no services at the
tabernacle today.

Attendance.
Yesterday morning 17,000
Yesterday afternoon 18,000
Last night 20,000
Approximate grand total: 350,000

Converts.
Yesterday morning 272
Yesterday afternoon 301
Last night 585
Total to date 32,459

Preached to date 109
Remaining to be preached. 23

"Billy" Sunday addressed an audience
of 1200 persons this afternoon when the
pupils and teachers of the West Chester
State Normal School assembled in the
auditorium of the institution and cheered
the evangelist until he quitted them by
indicating that he would break his "day
of rest" rule and preach at least a part
of one of his sermons.

Mr. Sunday had not promised to deliver
an address today, despite the many
urgent requests that had poured in on him
ever since it was announced that he would
visit the historic town, but when Dr.
George Morris Phillips, the principal of
the school, told him that the girls had
been waiting for more than an hour in the
hope that he would relent he replied:

"Well, Ma, if they want to hear me
as bad as all that I guess I'd better go
ahead."

"Billy" and "Ma" left their Spring Gar-
den street home at 9:30 o'clock this morn-
ing, and motored through Fairmont Park
to Montgomery Pike which they followed
to Radnor, where they stopped to visit
Old St. David's Church. The evangelist
was much impressed with the little chapel
and showed his familiarity with its his-
tory by asking where General Wayne's
and George Washington's graves might be
found. He quoted from Longfellow's
poem on the old structure, as follows:

"What an image of peace and rest,
In this little church and its graves."
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"NEAR MILLIONAIRES" INCREASE IN CITY

Income Tax Returns Show
Number Has Increased From
Three to Eleven.

Philadelphia has three more "near mil-
lionaires" today than it had last summer,
according to figures given out by Internal
Revenue Collector Lederer, and there may
be more. Returns made up till 2 o'clock
this afternoon showed 11 incomes of
\$500,000 or more, as against eight for last
year.

Nineteen thousand income tax returns
had been made at that hour, but the total
of taxable incomes is estimated at but
36,000. Other incomes reported are those
of married men, exempted by the law
if their income is \$4000 a year or less.
They are obliged to file returns, however.
In addition, there were between 4000
and 4500 returns from corporations. Most
of them came by mail. A steady stream
of men and women passed into the build-
ing all day.